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Provincial Government of Burgenland
Provincial Counselor Helmut Bieler
Europaplatz 1
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Dear Mr. Bieler:

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. While we do not comment on the veracity of alleged diplomatic cables, I wanted to assure you that I have already had numerous opportunities to enjoy the hospitality and cultural attractions of Burgenland.

Just last year, I had a very nice and productive visit to Eisenstadt , where I met both the Governor and the Mayor. This year, in July, I had the honor of attending the opening the Morbisch Festival at the Governor's invitation. My staff has also visited your province. My Deputy Chief of Mission was in Eisenstadt to participate in the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Iron Curtain at the Schloss Esterhazy, an event that he thoroughly enjoyed. He also enjoyed the Classical Music Festival in Eisenstadt, which provides American and other musicians the opportunity to study and perform the music of Haydn in the surroundings and acoustics where his music was written.

Like us, many Americans are among the impressive number of tourists who have taken advantage of Burgenland's hospitality, the aquatic pleasures of the Neusiedlersee, and the lovely castles such as Halbturm. And yes, the wine produced in Burgenland is truly excellent. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the opening concert of the Liszt Festival. Someone from the cultural section will be in touch with your office to discuss possible participation by an Embassy representative.

Sincerely,

William C. Eacho III